

FARMERS BRANCH

# *Manske Library*

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**Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm  
Friday - Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm  
Sunday: 1 - 5 pm

**Holiday Hours**

December 24-25: Closed  
December 31: 10 am - 12 pm  
January 1: Closed

Spring 2016

March-May

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# Adult Events

## Great Books Discussion Group

*3rd Monday of the month, 7 to 9 pm*

Join us to discuss poems, essays, plays and other literature.

Upcoming readings: **March:** *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien;

**April:** *Swann's Way* by Marcel Proust.

## Writers' Group

*2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 10 am to 12 pm*

This group is for writers who want to share and discuss their work with other local scribes. All genre interests are invited.

## Farmers Branch Library Book Club

*3rd Tuesday of the month, 10 am to 12 pm*

Participants read and discuss a book of their choice relating to the monthly theme. Upcoming themes include **March:** Award Winners;

**April:** Nicholas Sparks; **May:** World War II.

## Poetry Reading

*2nd Wednesday of the month, 1 to 3 pm*

Can't talk to your friends about Maya Angelou or William Butler Yeats? Come enjoy an afternoon discussing poetry with this group.

## Coloring for Adults

*Last Monday of the month, 12 pm, beginning March 28*

Color away the stress and join us for an hour of fun, relaxation, and coloring. We will provide the supplies, so all you need to bring is yourself and an open mind.



## ESL Classes

*Mondays & Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 pm*

English classes for learners of all skill levels! Lessons are week to week; continual attendance is not required.

## Citizenship Classes

*Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6 to 8 pm*

Citizenship classes are offered at the library. For registration, contact Rick Lyon at [fslyon@yahoo.com](mailto:fslyon@yahoo.com).

## Knit Wits

*Wednesdays, 5 to 6 pm*

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or would like to learn, please join our informal knitting circle.

## Brookhaven College Music Series

Enjoy performances by BHC musical groups at the library!

**Saturday, April 2, 2 pm:** Electric Guitar Ensemble

**Saturday, April 16, 2 pm:** Opera Workshop

## The Computer Coach is IN

*by appointment only, Monday - Thursday, 2 to 7pm*

Need help with Windows, the Internet, or social media? Or could you use some coaching on Microsoft Office? To schedule a session, call 972.919.9806.

## Downton Abbey Trivia & Costume Contest

*Sunday, March 13, 2 pm*

As Downton Abbey concludes its final season, test your knowledge with Downton Abbey trivia and participate in a hat and costume contest. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed! Join us as we prepare for the final episode and reminisce on our favorite Downton Abbey moments.



## Celebrate Texas History

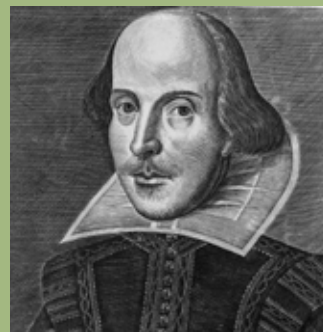
*Tuesday, March 22, 7 pm*

March is Texas History Month, a time to reflect upon several of the key events that shaped this great state. Nineteenth-century North American historian and scholar, Dr. Andrew Torget, will give a lecture on the Texas Revolutionary War and the battles leading up to Texas Independence.

## Happy Birthday, Shakespeare!

*Saturday, April 23, 4 pm*

Help us to wish a Happy Birthday to the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare. Most historians agree that Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564. His plays have captured the attention of audiences around the world for over 400 years. Join the Farmers Branch Manske Library for readings from William Shakespeare's most memorable plays on Saturday, April 23, 2016 in the amphitheater.



## 2016 Spelling Bee for Adults

*Saturday, May 14, 3 pm*

Do you cringe when you see a word misspelled in a social media post? Did you learn how to spell "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" just to say you did? If so, the Farmers Branch Manske Library is calling on you to participate in our 2016 Spelling Bee for Adults.

## Veterans Affairs Workshop

*Wednesday, May 18, 2 pm*

With over 1.3 Million active duty service members, and 21 million Veterans of the U.S. armed forces, many Veterans face a different set of challenges. The North Texas Department of Veterans Affairs office will talk about resources available to Veterans and go over ways Veterans can re-enter both civilian life and the ever changing job market. Veterans, active duty military, and friends and families of those who have served are all welcome to attend.

## Homegrown Herbs for Healthier Home Cooking

*Tuesday, May 31, 7 pm*

Barbara Gollman, Dallas County Master Gardener, will discuss 10 favorite herbs easily grown in North Texas. Discover culinary tips and techniques to create delectable, healthy dishes.

## Sensory Story Time

Monday, March 14 & April 11, 4 pm

Interactive stories, songs and movement stimulate the senses and promote learning for children with sensory and developmental disabilities. Participants must be accompanied by a caregiver.

## Cool After School

Wednesdays, 4 pm, through April 27

Join us for weekly crafts, games, and reading fun. Ages 6-12.

## Homework Help

Thursdays, 6 pm, through April 28

NHS students from RL Turner High School are available to assist students in grades 1st-10th with homework and reading needs.

## Junior Chess & Checkers Club

Friday, March 25 & April 29, 4 pm

Like to play checkers or chess? Join us to play people of different skill levels! Recommended for ages 6 and up.

## Lego Mania

Friday, March 18 & April 15, 4 pm

Join us for exciting Lego building action! Write your name on your Lego Builders card to have your creation displayed in the Library.

## 1000 Books and DIA Celebration

Saturday, April 9, 1 pm

Join us as we celebrate DIA (Diversity in Action) and 1000 Books! Have fun bashing a candy-filled pinata, help us make a Diversity banner, and enjoy punch and cake. For the whole family!

## Reading Under the Stars

Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm

Join us for a great time outdoors with s'mores, songs, and stories! Open to the whole family.

## Printing 3D Pendants

Monday, April 18, 4 pm

Curious about our 3D Printer?! Come see the printer in action and learn how to create pendants using TinkerCad.com. Ages 6 and up.

## Crafts Around the World

Thursday, April 28, 4 pm

Help us celebrate Dia de los Ninos with this STEAM oriented program focused on crafts from around the world. Paint a Calavera, fold a Bavarian hat, and catch a dream catcher! Ages 6 and up.

## Babybounce Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, through April 26

Ages 0 to 18 months with a caregiver

## Family Story Time

Tuesdays, 7 pm, through April 26

## Toddler Story Time

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15 am, through April 27

Ages 12-36 months with a caregiver

## Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 10:15 am, through April 28

Ages 3-7 with a caregiver

# Youth & Teen Events



## Family Movie: Inside Out

Monday, March 7, 3 pm

Enjoy spring break at the library with a showing of *Inside Out*.

## Minecraft Madness

Tuesday, March 8, 5 pm

Join us for an hour of Minecraft Multiplayer Madness! Recommended ages 12 and up.

## Cathy's Critters

Wednesday, March 9, 11 am

Hold a chick, pet a pig, greet a goat and more! Come and see what cute animals await you at the library! Fun for all ages.



## Teen Screen: Goosebumps

Thursday, March 10, 2 pm

Take a break from school and enjoy *Goosebumps* on our big screen. Popcorn and soda served.



## Games, Games, Games!

Friday, March 11, 3 pm

Spend an afternoon playing games with the whole family! Dance the time away with Dance Dance Revolution, try out our iPads, or go traditional with Twister and UNO.

## Teen Writing Club

2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month, 1 pm, beginning March 12

A friendly and creative atmosphere to share and perfect your writing craft! Recommended for ages 13 and up.

## Blackout Poetry

Wednesday, April 20, 5 pm

Create your own visual masterpiece in celebration of National Poetry Month! We'll upcycle old books to make blackout poetry.

## May the 4th Be With You!

Wednesday, May 4, 5 pm

Make your own lightsaber, show off your Jedi robes! Come express your love for Star Wars! May the force be with you!

**Get Ready for Summer Reading 2016!**  
**Coming in June.**

## Teen Volunteer Orientation

Monday, May 16, 4:30 pm

Volunteers must attend orientation for briefing on our policies and procedures. Learn how to interact with the public and receive 2 volunteer hours just for attending! Volunteers who work at least 12 hours at the library are eligible for a letter from the Mayor. Stop by the Youth Services desk for more information.

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 3PM: MOVIE: INSIDE OUT	8 5PM: MINE-CRAFT MADNESS	9 11AM: CATHY'S CRITTERS	10 2PM: MOVIE: GOOSE-BUMPS	11 3PM: GAMES, GAMES, GAMES!	12 1PM: TEEN WRITING CLUB
13 2PM: DOWNTON ABBEY TRIVIA	14 4PM: SENSORY STORY TIME	15	16	17	18 4PM: LEGO MANIA	19
20	21	22 7PM: CELEBRATE TEXAS HISTORY	23	24	25 4PM: CHESS & CHECKERS CLUB	26 1PM: TEEN WRITING CLUB
27	28 12PM: COLORING FOR ADULTS	29	30	31		

## Gallery Exhibitions

Carlos Martinez  
February 28 to March 24

Farmers Branch Carrollton Art Association  
March 27 to April 28

Thomas Kim  
May 1 to May 27

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 2PM: ELECTRIC GUITAR ENSEMBLE
10	11 4PM: SENSORY STORY TIME	12 7PM: READING UNDER THE STARS	13	14	15 4PM: LEGO MANIA	16 2PM: OPERA WORKSHOP
17	18 4PM: PRINTING 3D PENDANTS	19	20 5PM: BLACKOUT POETRY	21	22	23 4PM: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHAKESPEARE!
24	25 12PM: COLORING FOR ADULTS	26	27	28 4PM: CRAFTS AROUND THE WORLD	29 4PM: CHESS & CHECKERS CLUB	30

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 5PM: MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 3PM: SPELLING BEE FOR ADULTS
15	16 4:30PM: TEEN VOL-UNTEER ORIENTATION	17	18 2PM: VA WORKSHOP	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 1PM: TEEN WRITING CLUB
29	30 12PM: COLORING FOR ADULTS	31 7PM: HOME-GROWN HERBS				

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## Farmers Branch City Council

First row (from left) Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harold Froehlich, City Manager Gary D. Greer, Councilmember Ana Reyes.

Second Row (from left) Mayor Pro Tem Kirk Connally, Mayor Bob Phelps, Councilmember Mike Bomgardner, Councilmember John Norwood.